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AMERICAN AND FOREIGN BIBLE SOCIETY.

MINUTES

Of a meeting of delegates and others, convened by public notice, to consider the subject of Bible translation and distribution, at the meeting-house of the Oliver-street Baptist Church, New-York city, Thursday evening, May 12, 1836.

Rev. Nathaniel Kendrick, D. D. President of Hamilton Theological Seminary, was chosen President of the Convention. Robert F. Winslow, of the city of New York, was chosen Secretary.

The business was introduced by prayer, by Rev. Lewis Leonard, of Cazenovia, N. Y.

The following persons, many of whom were commissioned as delegates, composed the Convention:

Rev. Elton Galusha, from the Baptist Ministerial Conference, Monroe co., N. Y.

Rev. Chas. B. Keyes, from the church at Baiton, Spa, Saratoga co., N. Y.

Rev. Warren Walker, from the Shafesbury and Union Associations.

Rev. Thomas Powell, from the Milton church, Saratoga Association.

Rev. S. Wilson, from the Baptist church, Catskill, N. Y.

Rev. Thomas Dowling, from the Bap. Min. Con. of Seneca Association.

Rev. Lewis Leonard, from the Baptist church, Cazenovia, N. Y.

Rev. John Ellis, and Henry Little, from the Baptist church, Stamford, Ct.

John R. Ludlow, from the Bap church, Utica, N. Y.

Lucien Hayden, R. M. Prentice, J. H. Raymond, from the Ham. Theological Seminary.

Rev. A. L. Corvill, J. B. Quackenbush, E. C. McIntosh, from the 1st Bap church, Albany, N. Y.

William E. Lock, from the Baptist church, Lebanon, Madison co., N. Y.

From the Oliver-street Baptist church, New-York city. Rev. S. H. Cone, Rev. J. C. Murphy, Rev. Luke Davis, M. D. Brethren Joshua Gilbert, John West, Roger Pegg, W. D. Murphy, John Gray, William Colgate, Jacob Smith, Cornelius Caldwell, Ezekiel Archer, William Lewis, John Colgate, Robert King, Robert Edwards, Thomas Horsfall, John Hubbard, Ebenezer B. White, Jonathan Baker, Elijah Waddington, E. Raymond, George Colgate, I. Newton, Thomas Turner.

From the Mulberry street Bap. church, New-York city. Rev. Archibald Maclay, brethren Abraham Knight, George Hatt, Richard E. Peterson, F. H. Levy, Edward Vanderpool, Jr., M. D. Hiram Bartlett, Peter Van Dyck.

From the South Baptist Church, New-York city. Rev. Charles G. Sommers, brother John T. Cooke.

From the First Baptist Church, New-York city. Rev. Wm. Parkinson, brethren John Charlock, C. N. Dodge, Thomas Thomas, William Hillman, Sylvester Pier, John Corley, Joseph Durbrow, John Gould.

From the East Baptist Church, New-York city. Rev. John Middleton, brethren Samuel Rust, Alanson Warner, Christopher Arnold.

From the Stanton street Bap. Church, New-York city. Rev. George Benedict, brethren David Ludlam, Jr., Benjamin Thompson, Charles Baldwin.

From the North Beriah Bap. Church, New-York city. Rev. D. Dunbar, brother D. Stearns, M. D.

From the Amity-street Bap. Church, New-York city. Brethren Charles Belden, Thomas F. Field, R. M. Ludlow.

From the West Baptist Church, New-York city. Brethren Henry Davis, Emory Townsend, William Winterton.

From the Central Baptist Church, New-York city. Br. B. F. Winslow.

From the Broome-street Bap. Church, New-York city. Rev. I. Roberts.

From the Bethel Baptist Church, New-York city. Rev. W. G. Miller, brethren John Buskirk, Robert Travis.

From the North Baptist Church, New-York city. Rev. Jacob H. Brouner, brethren Edward Clover, S. W. Kirby, James H. Townsend, Henry Tichenor, Zebadiah Parker.

From the Sixteenth Baptist Church, New-York city. Rev. David Bernard,

brother John B. Halstead. Rochester, N. Y. 1st and 2d churches, Rev. Elton Galusha.

Home, N. Y. Bap. church Rev. N. N. Whiting.

Sing Sing, N. Y. Bap. church, Rev. C. C. Williams.

Hamilton, N. Y. Bap. church, Rev. N. Kendrick, D. D., br. A. Marsh.

Brooklyn, N. Y. First Bap. church, Rev. L. Howard, Rev. Jona. Goins, D. D., Rev. Luther Crawford, Rev. C. C. P. Crosby, brethren John H. Smith, E. Corning, Elijah Lewis.

Brooklyn, N. Y. Second Bap. church, Rev. Octavius Winslow.

Albany, N. Y. Pearl-street Baptist church, Rev. B. T. Welch, D. D., br. William Adams.

Port Byron, Stennett, Aurelius, and Mendz, Baptist churches, Rev. Cornelius C. Wyckoff.

Greenwich, Washington co., N. Y.—Rev. Nathaniel Colver.

Coxsackie, N. Y. Rev. J. W. Greene.

Crown Point, N. Y. Rev. A. F. Woods.

Lansburgh, N. Y. Rev. E. Andrews.

North East, Dutchess co., N. Y. Rev. T. Winter.

Dover, Dutchess co., N. Y. Rev. Philip Roberts.

Clinton, Oneida co., N. Y. Rev. L. L. Hubbard.

Parma, Monroe co., N. Y. Rev. E. Weaver.

Peekskill, N. Y. Br. Joseph P. Simpson.

Onandaga, N. Y. Rev. D. W. Elmore.

Newark, N. J. First Baptist church, Rev. D. Dodge, George Tight. Second do. br. R. M. Crane.

Middletown, N. J. Rev. T. Roberts, br. Jackson Smith.

Freahold, N. J. Rev. J. M. Challis.

New-Brunswick, N. J. Br. R. E. Runyon.

Mount Holly, N. J. Rev. J. E. Welch.

Clinton, Pa. Rev. G. V. Walling.

Bridgeport, Susquehanna co., Pa., brethren A. L. Post, Charles S. Wilson, Nehemiah Baldwin.

Richmond, Va., brother Joseph S. Walcott, of Columbia College, D. C.

Hinsdale, N. H., brother Thomas Rond.

Pastuck, R. I., Rev. S. Spaulding.

Deep River, Conn., Rev. H. Wooster.

Williamstown, Conn., Rev. B. Cook, Jr.

West Hartford, Mass., Rev. S. Ewer.

New-York City, Rev. Willard Judd, Zebadiah Ring, William McIntosh, M. D.

Ebenezer Caldwell, Edward Probyn, D. Williams, W. Green, W. W. Todd, R. W. Martin.

Brandon, Vt., brother Orson S. Murray.

Patterson, N. J., Rev. Z. Grenell.

Philadelphia, Pa., Joseph Belden, J. C. Dyer.

Rev. S. H. Cone presented various communications addressed to him by associations, churches and individuals, in relation to the resolutions of the American Bible Society, passed Feb. 17, 1836, and urging the adoption of immediate measures for the formation of a Bible Society in the Baptist denomination, unless those resolutions should be rescinded at the annual meeting of the Society.

After full and protracted discussion, the following preamble and resolutions were adopted:

Whereas, the Board of Managers of the American Bible Society at their meeting on the 17th of Feb. 1836, adopted the following resolutions, viz:

1. By the Constitution of the American Bible Society, its managers are, in the circulating of the Holy Scriptures, restricted to such copies as are "without note or comment;" and in the English language, to "the version in common use."

The design of these restrictions clearly seems to have been to simplify and mark out the duties of the Society, so that all the religious denominations of which it is composed might harmoniously unite in performing these duties.

2. As the managers are now called to aid extensively in circulating the Sacred Scriptures in languages other than the English, they deem it their duty, in conformity with the obvious spirit of their compact, to adopt the following resolutions as the rule of their conduct in making appropriations for the circulation of the Scriptures in all foreign tongues.

Resolved, That in appropriating money for the translating, printing, or distributing of the Sacred Scriptures in foreign languages, the Managers feel at liberty to encourage only such versions as conform in the principles of their translation to the common English version, at least, so far as that all the religious denominations represented in this Society can consistently use and circulate said versions in their several schools and communities.

Resolved, That a copy of the above preamble and resolution be sent to each of the missionary boards accustomed to receive pecuniary grants from this Society, with a request that the same may be transmitted to their respective missions stations where the Scriptures are in process of translation, and also that the said several missionary boards be informed that their applications for aid be accompanied with a declaration that the versions which they propose to circulate are executed in accordance with the above resolutions:

And the American Bible Society at its anniversary meeting this day having approved of these resolutions passed by its Board of Managers:

And the Board of Managers of the Baptist General Convention of the United States for Foreign Missions having unanimously declared that they cannot consistently and conscientiously comply with the conditions prescribed therein:

And as the American Baptists enjoy great facilities for prosecuting the work of faith and labor of love in giving the word of God to the heathen: therefore.

Resolved, That it is the duty of the Baptist denomination in the United States to form a distinct organization for Bible translation and distribution.

Whereupon the Convention proceeded to measures for the organization of such an Institution.

Rev. S. H. Cone, Rev. N. Kendrick, D. D., Rev. B. T. Welch, D. D., Rev. E. Galusha, Rev. Chas. G. Sommers, Wm. Colgate, Rev. Daniel Dodge, Rev. Silas Spaulding, were appointed a committee to draft a Constitution, nominate a Board of Officers and Managers, and prepare an address to the American public.

Adjourned to to-morrow morning at ten o'clock. Prayer by br. A. Maclay.

FRIDAY MORNING, May 13, 1836.

Met pursuant to adjournment.

Prayer by the President.

The minutes of the last meeting were read and approved.

The committee to prepare a Constitution, &c., reported the following, which was read and adopted.

CONSTITUTION

OF THE AMERICAN AND FOREIGN BIBLE SOCIETY.

ARTICLE I. The designation* of this Society shall be the AMERICAN AND FOREIGN BIBLE SOCIETY, the single object of which shall be to promote a wider circulation of the Holy Scriptures, in the most faithful versions that can be procured.

ART. II. This Society shall add its efforts to those employed by other Societies in circulating the Scriptures according to its ability, in all lands whether Christian, Mahomedan, or Pagan.

ART. III. Each subscriber annually of three dollars shall be a member.

ART. IV. Each subscriber of thirty dollars at one time shall be a member for life.

ART. V. Each subscriber of 150 dollars shall be a life director.

ART. VI. Every Baptist minister who is a life member, and every life director shall be members of the Board.

ART. VII. An Executor paying a bequest of 250 dollars shall be a life director.

ART. VIII. All Bible Societies agreeing to place their surplus funds at the disposal of this Society shall be Auxiliaries, and the Officers of such Societies shall be ex-officio Directors of this.

ART. IX. A Board of Managers shall be appointed to conduct the business of the Society consisting of 36 brethren in good standing in Baptist Churches: 24 of whom shall reside in the city of New-York or its vicinity. One fourth part of the whole number shall go out of office at the expiration of each year, but shall be re-eligible. The managers shall appoint a President, Vice Presidents, Secretaries, Treasurer and such other officers as they may deem necessary, and fill such vacancies as may occur by death or otherwise in their own Board.

ART. X. The President, Vice Presidents, Treasurer and Secretaries shall be considered ex-officio members of the Board.

ART. XI. The Managers shall meet on the first Wednesday of each month, or oftener if necessary, at such place in the city of New-York, as they shall from time to time adjourn to;—five members shall be a quorum.

ART. XII. The Managers shall have the power of appointing such persons as have rendered essential services to the Society, either Members for Life, or Directors for Life.

ART. XIII. At the meetings of the Society and Board of Managers, the President, or in his absence the Vice President, preside upon the list then present, and in the absence of all the Vice Presidents, the Treasurer, and in his absence such a member as shall be chosen for that purpose shall preside at the meeting.

ART. XIV. The annual meetings of the Society shall be held at New-York on the third Wednesday of May in each year; or at any other time or place, at the option of the Society; when the Managers shall be chosen, the accounts presented and the proceedings of the foregoing year reported.

ART. XV. The President may, at the written request of six members of the Board, call special meetings of the Board of Managers, causing three days' notice of such meeting to be given.

ART. XVI. The whole of the minutes of every meeting shall be signed by the Chairman.

ART. XVII. No alteration shall be made to this Constitution except by the Society at an annual meeting.

* We protest against the use of the word "designation" in this place. It is unwarranted either by common usage or by sound lexicography.

—ED. TEL.

The following list of Officers and Managers nominated by the same Committee, was adopted.

PRESIDENT.

Rev. Spencer H. Cone, of New-York.

VICE PRESIDENTS.

Rev. J. Mercer, D. D., of Georgia;—Wm. B. Johnson, D. D., S. C.; J. L. Dagg, Pa.; A. Maclay, New-York; L. Bolles, D. D., Boston; B. F. Edwards, M. D., Ill.; Rev. N. Kendrick, D. D., New-York; B. T. Welch, D. D., of Albany; S. M. Noel, D. D., Kentucky;—S. W. Lynde, Ohio; D. Dodge, New-Jersey; T. Meredith, N. C.

Rev. S. G. Sommers, Cor. Secretary.

W. Colgate, Treasurer.

J. West, Rec. Sec. and Accountant.

MANAGERS.

A. Baker, Coxsackie; A. M. Beebe, Utica; L. Bleecker, Sing Sing; E. Bolles, Hartford, Conn.; N. Caswell, W. Church, E. Corning, Brooklyn; W. Crane, Baltimore; F. Derby, J. H. Greenman, J. B. Halstead, T. B. Helms, W. Hilman, F. Humphrey, Albany; E. Lewis, Brooklyn; J. M. Linnard, Philadelphia; R. M. Ludlow, R. H. Maclay, S. M. C. C. R. M. Newton, R. Pegg, G. W. Platt, T. Purser, P. P. Runyon, New-Brunswick;—A. Stewart, Brooklyn; E. H. Stokes, T. Thomas, J. H. Townsend, C. Warner, Troy; R. Warner, J. G. Wasson, Albany; R. F. Winslow, W. Winterton, J. Wilson, W. H. Wyckoff, J. N. Wyckoff.

Resolved, That the first annual meeting of the Society be held in Philadelphia, the last Wednesday in April, 1837, and that the doings of this meeting and of the Society be submitted to such brethren from different parts of the United States as may then and there meet in convention for the purpose of securing the combined and concentrated action of the denomination in the Bible cause.

Resolved, That the first meeting of the Board of Managers be held in the lecture room of the Oliver-street church on Wednesday next, at 4 o'clock P. M.

Resolved, That the Board of Managers be instructed to call a public meeting at an early day, in the city of New-York, for the purpose of procuring contributions to the funds of the Society.

Resolved, That the minutes of the Convention, with the circular of the Committee, be referred to the Board of Managers for publication.

Adjourned with prayer by brother Daniel Dodge, of Newark, N. J.

Robert F. Winslow, Secretary.

BY-LAWS AND ORDER OF BUSINESS of the Board of Managers.

1. All meetings shall be opened with prayer.

2. All Committees shall be nominated by the presiding officer and approved by the Board; unless otherwise specially ordered.

3. No moneys shall be paid out of the Treasury but by order of the Board. All resolutions, if required, shall be presented in writing.

ORDER OF BUSINESS.

1. Reading minutes of last meeting.

2. Treasurer's Report.

3. Communications of Corresponding Secretary.

4. Reports of Standing Committees.

5. Reports of Select Committees.

6. Unfinished business.

7. New business.

TO THE BAPTIST CHURCHES, AND FRIENDS OF THE BIBLE IN THE UNITED STATES.

Beloved Brethren:

At a meeting of Baptist ministers, and numerous other friends of the Bible, convened on the 12th May, 1836, in the city of New-York, to take into consideration the course pursued by the American Bible Society at its anniversary, (on the morning of the same day,) when the resolution of their Board, passed on the 19th February, was ratified by an overwhelming majority; thereby virtually excluding us from all participation in their funds, so far at least as our foreign translations are concerned; it was, after careful deliberation, Resolved, to organize an "American and Foreign Bible Society."

This measure seemed to be unequivocally demanded, by the declared opinion of numerous churches, and influential brethren in several States in the Union, and has since received the sanction of the committee appointed in Hartford, in April, 1836, to make arrangements for a general convention to meet in Philadelphia in 1837. A large portion of the denomination is known to be in favor of immediate and concentrated action; and it is believed that by this means we shall not only save a whole year of time, but enjoy the present advantages of that pious zeal which has been kindled upon the altar of many hearts.

Eighteen centuries have elapsed since the Saviour of the world commanded his followers, saying, "Go teach all nations." In what other way can this be more effectually accomplished, than by disseminating throughout the world the original words of the Holy Spirit, faithfully and literally translated into the languages of all nations? Here, as in Isaiah's vision, Jehovah is seen sitting upon a throne, high and lifted up; his train fills the temple; while the inspired penmen, like the Seraphim, cover their faces, and cry one to another, "Holy, holy, holy, is the Lord of hosts, the whole earth is full of his glory." Other means may indeed be successfully employed; but it is particularly through the instrumentality of the Bible,—the un-

corrupted fountain of heavenly light, that we anticipate the meridian of that day which shall pour its effulgence upon every clime, and place the government of "all nations in His hands whose head is destined to wear many crowns."

It was under such impressions that the American Baptist Board of Foreign Missions, convened in Salem, in April, 1833, instructed their missionaries "to endeavor by earnest prayer and diligent study to ascertain the precise meaning of the original text, and to express that meaning as exactly as the nature of the languages into which they shall translate the Bible will permit, and to transfer no words which are capable of being literally translated."

Under the auspices of Divine Providence, missionaries of our denomination have translated the inspired volume, in whole or in part, into the languages spoken by more than half of the human family. That their versions are "most faithful," has not been denied, and yet the British and Foreign Bible Society, and the American Bible Society, have refused to aid us in giving them to the perishing heathen; merely because the original word baptizo and its cognates have been translated. Could we do otherwise, as faithful servants of Christ? Is any translator at liberty to compromise his duty to God, and to the millions of mankind, by withholding from them the literal rendering of the Bible, unobscured in any of its parts by human dictation? Although this was done by those who acted under the authority of King James, in producing our English version, Baptist missionaries dare not assume so fearful a responsibility, nor imitate an example fraught with such disastrous consequences. We are, therefore, thrown upon the providence of God and our own resources, in giving to all mankind a pure and unadulterated Bible.

And in carrying forward this mighty work of Christian benevolence, the four hundred thousand Baptists in the United States do but combine unity of effort with faith, prayer and perseverance, they must ere long attain to undisputed pre-eminence in the moral conversion of the world.

At no previous time has the path of duty been more clearly marked out, than in the recent unprecedented success and expansion of our missionary operations. Independently of what we owe to the inhabitants of the United States—a vast territory, teeming with a multitudinous population, has been committed to us, for moral cultivation. Not only do the eighteen millions of Burmah, but one hundred millions of Shans, occupying the region from the Western banks of the Irrawaddy to the province of Assam, and from the Burmahpooter to the Chinese Tartary, present a sphere of action which requires the fervent prayers, the talents and the treasures, of our whole denomination. It is moreover a cheering fact, that to our missionaries there is opened, through the medium of the Shans and the Siamese, an avenue to the three hundred millions of the "Celestial Empire;" embracing facilities, such as have not been afforded to any other denomination. Thirty millions of Bengalee, also, are willing to receive the Book that reveals to them the eternal God. Thus in Asia and America alone are we called upon to give the Bible to one half of the entire population of the globe. Besides this, the whole of Germany, Denmark, Sweden, Norway, Holland and Greece, have special claims to our attention, inasmuch as their versions of the sacred Scriptures contain those words with reference to the ordinance of baptism, which define our peculiar practice. It is also very desirable, as soon as practicable, to supply France, Spain, Portugal, and South America, with pure versions of the inspired volume, instead of the mutilated and altered Bibles which are now being circulated in those countries.

A view of these facts has given a powerful impulse to our churches, throughout the land; and a holy excitement, as extraordinary as it is irresistible, clearly indicates that the time for action has come. The friends of the Bible are in motion, and one loud and long continued exclamation echoes throughout our ranks—let us send the lamp of life into all the dominions of ignorance and sin. Brethren, our field of labor is circumscribed by no political or geographical limits—the whole world is before us. With an humble but firm reliance upon the promises of God, let us fearlessly advance in this hallowed enterprise of Christian philanthropy, and we may confidently anticipate the approving smile of Heaven. But whatever be the degree of our future success, we shall at least enjoy the consciousness of having endeavored to promote the present and eternal happiness of millions, whom, upon earth, we may not hope to behold.

Like the magnanimous enterprise of Luther in 1526, the work we contemplate may be opposed and traduced; but, late though it be, we shall by this means employ a moral engine which will operate with accelerated motion, until "the earth shall be full of the knowledge of the Lord as the waters cover the sea."

As to the best mode of accomplishing this, some have thought that independent State societies would meet the exigency—a few think that the time to build has not arrived; but with the utmost esteem and fraternal affection for those brethren, this

meeting believe that the voice of the denomination demands an American and Foreign Bible Society, to be sustained by auxiliaries formed in the several Baptist Churches throughout the Union; and that no time should be lost in giving such a direction to our plans, as at once to secure those advantages which have resulted from a similar organization in other institutions. "Concentrated action is powerful action," and what we might fail to achieve by isolated zeal, God will enable us to accomplish by co-operation. Why should we hesitate? Why delay until next year, to commence a work which the denomination believe to be necessary and practicable now? Shall we wait another year, and permit a thirtieth part of our race to die, while we are discussing a question of expediency? Or, that we may consult every brother in the land, before we move forward? No, brethren, to these questions we believe that there can be but one answer—Onward! onward! in the fear and strength of Israel's God. Would any thing be gained by delay? The British Baptists have waited several years, and entreated the Calcutta Bible Society, and the British and Foreign Bible Society, to revoke their decision and come to their aid; but in vain! Had they acted with that prompt independence, which their painful disappointment has taught us to adopt, thousands might have received the Word of God, who have died without the boon! Had the American Baptists commenced this work years ago, who can compute the amount of good which might have been effected? That we were not prepared for such an undertaking, though true in itself, was but a poor apology for those whose paramount duty is, at all times, to be ready to obey the command of their Lord: "Go teach all nations."

To divide, and by dividing, to neutralize our moral power, has too long been the successful policy of the great adversary. May the Holy Spirit graciously unite us, even as "the soul of Jonathan was knit with the soul of David, for Jonathan loved him as his own soul." The formation of an American and Foreign Bible Society is a magnificent enterprise; in which, more than in any other measure, we may confidently hope to witness the harmonious concurrence of the whole denomination. Here is a field in which the energy, and holiest affections of every Baptist may be engaged nor can we doubt that our brethren will unanimously and cheerfully respond to the claims of a duty so obvious, so imperative. In their church policy, it is the glory of the Baptists to act as independent bodies; but in the work of distributing the Bible throughout the world, they should move in unbroken phalanx. We do, therefore, earnestly entreat each Baptist Church in the United States, to lose no time in organizing an Auxiliary Bible Society within the bounds of its own Congregation, and as soon as practicable to give information of the fact to the Corresponding Secretary of the American and Foreign Bible Society.—Brethren in Christ, consider the urgency of the case—remember the claims of perishing millions, and let it be seen, that Baptists are anxious to come "to the help of the Lord against the mighty."

Beloved brethren in the Lord—engaged in a common cause, let us resolve to be united. Our means are ample; eternal truth is on our side, and God has promised that it shall prevail. We want nothing but concert, to make its influence felt, from East to West, and from Pole to Pole.

From the Glasgow Chronicle.

ADDRESS,

By the Committee of the Glasgow Emancipation Society, to the Ministers of Religion in particular, and the friends of Negro Emancipation in general, on American Slavery.

ESTEEMED CHRISTIAN FRIENDS,

It is in spirit of hostility to America, that we now solicit your co-operation in striving to expedite the extinction of its Slavery. There may be those who denounce the guilt of oppression, in hatred and terror of its liberal institutions. But with these we have no sympathy. Nor is it to these we now principally address ourselves; for it will be found, if we mistake not, that they took little part in attaining emancipation for the slaves of our own Colonies, and are now disposed to exert themselves for the suppression of those evils in America, through which alone they can with any hope of success assail its disreputable virtues.

Perhaps it may be thought by some, that we should rather veil than expose the errors of our trans-Atlantic brethren, with which their exalted principles are practically associated, lest we involve good and bad in the same common obliquity. But such temporising expediency, such dereliction of duty in apprehension of consequences, is the very prop and stay of that hateful and hated system, which we desire to overthrow; and for ourselves, we fear nothing in vindicating the cause of him who was anointed to proclaim liberty to the captives.

But why, it may be asked, were not such representations and remonstrances employed sooner? American Slavery is of long standing; why then are we only now bestirring ourselves for its abolition? This sort of objection might be